

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 are pending in the above-identified application. Claims 1-6 were rejected. With this Amendment, claims 1-6 were amended and claims 7-15 have been added. No new matter has been added. Accordingly, claims 1-6 are at issue in the above-identified application.

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicants enclose herewith an Information Disclosure Statement, per the Examiner's request, citing the references listed in the specification.

Objection To Drawings

The Examiner objected to the drawings under 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(p)(5), indicating that they do not include reference signs mentioned in the description.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(d), enclosed is a copy of Corrected Drawings and Figures 1, 3 and 4 with red ink markings showing proposed changes thereto for which approval of the Examiner is requested. The proposed changes are to correct the drawing and do not constitute new matter. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this objection.

Objection To Specification

Applicants enclose a replacement abstract, per the Examiner's request.

Claim Objections

Claims 1-6 were objected to because of informalities. Applicants have amended claims 2 and 6 to correct these informalities. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this objection.

35 U.S.C. § 103 Obviousness Rejection of Claims

Claims 1-6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Redlinger* (U.S. Des. Patent No. 433,562) in view of *Horvath* (U.S. Patent No. 4,298,036). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Amended claim 1, from which claims 2-7 depend, recites a battery storage case comprising a first projection train formed on an outer surface of a main body near a first opening portion, a second projection train formed on an outer surface of said main body near a bottom surface, and a third projection train formed on an inner surface of a lid portion, wherein the third projection train is adapted to engage one of the first projection train and the second projection train. None of the above-cited references, either alone or in combination, teach or even suggest a

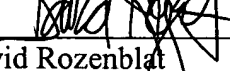
battery storage case comprising first second and third projection trains, wherein a third projection train is adapted to engage one of a first projection train in a second projection train. For example, *Redlinger* discloses a lip balm key chain having a first portion adapted to engage a second portion, wherein the first portion has a hole and a key ring fitted through that hole. *Redlinger* does not disclose a projection train formed on an outer surface of a main body near a bottom surface, as required by claim 1. Additionally, *Horvath* describes a dispenser for solid sticks, and also lacks teaching a projection train formed on an outer surface of a main body near a bottom surface.

Accordingly, Applicants submit that the claimed invention is not anticipated by nor obvious the applied references, either alone or in combination. Withdrawal of these grounds of rejection is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that the application is in condition for allowance. Notice to that effect is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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